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Data Ownership Agreement- Example

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Introduction

This document is to define issues regarding data ownership and access of the research datasets to be generated during the lifetime of <name of project>, hereinafter referred to as “the Project”.

The Project is a collaborative venture between <name of collaborating institutes> and “the project team” is defined as comprising scientists and students based at one or more of the aforementioned institutes who are directly involved in the activities of the Project.

The Project is funded by <name of funding organisation>, hereinafter referred to as “the Funder”.

Agreement

1. The data and protocols are intellectual property (IP) and hence are managed to conform with the requirements of the Funder.
2. Data and protocols are considered the joint property of the collaborating institutes.
3. Data may be used for two purposes:
 - a. Meeting the objectives specified in the protocols (called *Agreed Objectives*);
 - b. Meeting other objectives, including those not envisaged when the protocols were prepared (*Other Objectives*).
4. For each *Agreed Objective* in a protocol, there will be a statement of:
 - a. The individuals responsible for (or contributing to) the *Objective* (the *Agreed Participants*);
 - b. The output (report, paper, etc.) that will be produced;
 - c. The date by which the output will be ready (the *Ready Date*).
5. Until the *Ready Date*,
 - a. The *Agreed Participants* have exclusive rights over the data for the *Agreed Objectives*;
 - b. Other project partners may use the data for *Other Objectives* – in particular, the project data manager must have access to all the data for purposes of building and maintaining a project archive.
6. After the *Ready Date* all partners may use the data as they see fit, including making it available to third parties on the understanding that data have been anonymised as appropriate.

7. Authorship of outputs (articles, reports, etc.) will be determined as follows:
 - a. For outputs on *Agreed Objectives*, all *Agreed Participants* will be invited to be authors. Actual authorship will be according to contribution to the output.
 - b. For outputs on *Other Objectives*, authorship is determined by contribution to that output.
 - c. Student theses are solely authored by students.